

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 667

By Robinson

A RESOLUTION to commend Mrs. Karla Kampa for her astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Karla Kampa is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Old Hickory Village, Mrs. Kampa is a highly respected member of her community, where she participates in such activities, as the Old Hickory Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, Karla has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, and is an exceptional asset to her community; she spearheaded a committee to build a playground for the children of Old Hickory in order to replace the outdated playground equipment that had been present since the early 1950's; and

WHEREAS, the resulting playground is known as "Children's Village", located on Donelson Avenue in Old Hickory, which opened to a crowd of 300-500 people for it's grand

opening on October 30, 1999, bringing to fruition the more than ten months of hard work, planning, and fundraising that was necessary to bring about this joyously fun place; and

WHEREAS, built largely with contributions from the Old Hickory Utility District, other corporate contributions, and numerous fundraisers, the Children's Village became a reality; and

WHEREAS, the result of Karla's diligence was the opening of the most popular park in town on October 30, 1999, consisting of two play centers, one for 2 to 5-year olds and another for 5 to 12-year olds, plus climbing structures, swings, a spinning globe, picnic tables, 24-hour lighting, and much more; and

WHEREAS, during the grand opening ceremonies, an oak tree was planted in honor of Karla for her dedication in making her dream a reality for the children and families of Old Hickory; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kampa's outstanding success as a civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Karla Kampa is an extremely giving person who epitomizes the time-honored tradition of volunteerism in our great state; and

WHEREAS, as a Clinical Assistant Coordinator for the office of Dr. Ted Beasley in Madison, Karla has served with distinction on various committees within her profession and is a member of several professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kampa is a devoted member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hermitage, where she demonstrates her devout religious faith in God, and serves her church and Lord and Savior in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Karla is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, Richard, and their son, Miller; and

WHEREAS, Karla Kampa is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mrs. Karla Kampa for her honorable and astute service to the youth of this state, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.